

HOUSE BILL 812

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By: **Delegate Rudolph**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2010

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Water Service – Property Owners**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that a political subdivision shall send a bill for water
4 service to each property owner for each property served on a monthly, quarterly,
5 or semiannual basis; and generally relating to bills for water service.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Environment
8 Section 9–724(c)(1)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Environment
13 Section 9–724(c)(2) and (3)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Environment**

19 9–724.

20 (c) (1) The political subdivision shall send bills for water service
21 [quarterly or twice a year to] **TO EACH PROPERTY OWNER FOR** each property served
22 **ON A MONTHLY, QUARTERLY, OR SEMIANNUAL BASIS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The bills are payable at the office of the political subdivision on
2 receipt.

3 (3) If any bill remains unpaid after 30 days from the date the bill is
4 sent, the political subdivision shall:

5 (i) Notify the owner of the property served, in writing, that the
6 bill is in arrears and that water service will be discontinued;

7 (ii) Leave the notice on the owner's property or mail the notice
8 to the last known address of the owner; and

9 (iii) Discontinue water service to the property until the owner
10 pays the bill and a reconnection charge reasonably related to the cost of reconnection,
11 as established by ordinance of the governing body of the county or municipal
12 corporation in which the water service is provided.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2010.